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On November 3, 2020 at approximately 08:57 AM, crews were dispatched for a vehicle crashed into to a building at 753 S. Hyatt St otherwise known as St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The location is a primary voting location for Tipp City residents via the Miami County Board of Elections.

Crews were assisted by Tipp City Police Department. The PD officers were on already on scene. On scene the fire officer found a passenger vehicle that had crashed into the building. Utilities were not affected. The car was in a handicap spot near the building. The driver got the gas and the brake confused. The car went over the parking block, through a row of hedges, and into the building. The damage to the vehicle and the building was moderate. The driver was medically evaluated by the EMS crew and refused treatment and transport.

Voting was disrupted, but did not stop at any time. Crews worked to make better visual access to the damaged part of the structure by removing drywall and ceiling tile. The elections board site manager was consulted throughout the process and the Miami County Elections Board Chairman arrived on scene. Church officials assisted throughout the entire process. The Miami County Building Official responded to the scene.

He was advised of the on scene findings. TCFES crews assisted the building official. The final determination from the building official in conjunction with fire crews is that the building is **NOT** in danger of collapse. Church officials were advised to patch the hole temporarily, until repairs could be made. TCFES crews assisted with debris removal prior to leaving the scene.

No injuries were reported by citizens that were volunteering, working, or voting at the polling location. Fire, EMS and Police crews did not report any injuries.

Voting continues as scheduled.

Cameron Haller, Chief of Emergency Services

